

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
November 15 & 16, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Washington State Transportation Commission was called to order at 9 A.M., on November 15, 2005 in Room 1D2 of the Transportation Building in Olympia, Washington.

Commissioners present at the meeting were: Chair O'Neal, Ed Barnes, Bob Distler, Dick Ford, Elmira Forner, and Dale Stedman.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Commissioner Ford and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the meeting minutes for September 20 & 21, 2005 and September 28, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

**GRAY NOTEBOOK QUARTERLY UPDATE AND PROJECT FUNDING
ADJUSTMENTS**

John Conrad, Assistant Secretary, WSDOT, provided an overview of the Gray Notebook's Beige Pages quarterly update (see agenda item 2 handout for information).

Greg Selstead, Director, Project Control and Reporting Office, WSDOT, provided an overview regarding project funding and adjustments. He requested that the Commission adjust funding on specific projects.

Paula Hammond, Chief of Staff, WSDOT, provided an overview of work underway on non-highway programs.

The Commission moved to approve the presented project funding adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

HONORING FORMER COMMISSIONER MICHELE MAHER

Chair O'Neal presented Resolution 674 honoring Commissioner Maher for her dedicated service as a member of the Transportation Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Stedman and seconded by Commissioner Forner to approve Resolution 674 honoring Commissioner Maher. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Maher thanked the Commission for having had the opportunity to serve.

**TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND INCREASING PUBLIC
DEMAND FOR TRAVEL OPTIONS**

Brian Lagerberg, Program Manager, Public Transportation and Commute Options, WSDOT, provided an overview of the proposed redesign of the Commute Trip Reduction Program.

The program will focus primarily on urban growth areas in the most congested areas of the state. It will also allow jurisdictions to opt-in to the program if they meet the criteria.

Rick Williams, Executive Director, Lloyd District Transportation Management Association, provided an overview of the Lloyd District project.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Jim Horn former Washington State Senator provided a presentation to the Commission regarding transportation planning and public acceptance. The presentation primarily focused on Highways of Statewide Significance and modes of transportation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary MacDonald shared information regarding transit performance and the national debate on ridership growth.

Ms. Hammond shared that the Department has submitted the standard supplemental budget.

Secretary MacDonald commented regarding the status of selection of ferry design builder.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Reema Griffith, Administrator, noted that the Request For Proposal for the Rail Study has been released. She provided an overview of how the process works. She also shared that the Commission now has its own web domain.

Commissioner Barnes shared information regarding rail issues.

Commissioner Distler provided an update regarding the Passenger-Only Ferry Task Force.

Commissioner Forner reported regarding her attendance at the Transportation Performance Audit Board meeting.

Commissioner Stedman reported the Washington Transportation Plan process is moving along rapidly.

2005 FREIGHT AND GOODS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM UPDATE

Barb Ivanov, Director, Freight Strategy and Policy Office, WSDOT, presented the draft Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) 2005 update.

Elizabeth Stratton, Freight Policy and Project Manager, Freight Strategy and Policy Office, WSDOT, shared that the purpose of today's presentation is informational and will provide a background of the FGTS.

TRAFFIC CHOICES STUDY

Aubrey Davis, Transportation Policy Board and Mathew Kitchen, Puget Sound Regional Council, provided a briefing regarding the Puget Sound Traffic Choices Study.

PUBLIC AND LEGISLATOR COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Locke, citizen, shared his perspective regarding Initiative 912.

Charles Jones, citizen, suggested that the Commission look at truck traffic as the biggest contributor to highway congestion.

TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT BOARD

Doug Hurley, Chair, Transportation Performance Audit Board (TPAB), introduced Kathy Scanlan, Consultant, Cedar River Group LLC, who shared information regarding the Transportation Goals, Benchmarks and 10-Year Investment Criteria and Process Study. She provided an overview of the timeline associated with the study.

TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM DRAFT RULES PRESENTED

Jeff Doyle, Director, presented draft rules for the Transportation Innovative Partnership Program (see agenda item 12 handout for information).

The Commission meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m., on November 16, 2005.
WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAN O'NEAL, Chair

DICK FORD, Vice-Chair

EDWARD BARNES, Member

VACANT

ELMIRA FORNER, Member

ROBERT S. DISTLER, Member

DALE STEDMAN, Member

DOUGLAS MACDONALD, Ex-Officio Member
Secretary of Transportation

ATTEST:

REEMA GRIFFITH, Administrator

DATE OF APPROVAL